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The Treatment Of The Negro To Determine Her Destiny In This Great War. Comments From Great Britain Mock At Pretended Love Of Justice And Fair Play. Barring Negroes From Serving Their Country, While White Soldiers Are Being Courtmartialed For Disloyalty, Is Looked Upon With Much Skepticism.

THREE DAYS CONFERENCE

NEGROES FLOOD NORTHERN STATES

St. Louis District N. A. A. C. P. Begins Meeting Friday Night. To Continue Saturday and Sunday at Beulah Presbyterian Church. Judge Dyer Asked to Speak Sunday

The St. Louis District of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People which comprises Alton, Cairo, Paducah, Louisville, St. Louis, Jacksonville, Mounds, Quincy, and St. Louis, held its first conference at the Beulah Presbyterian Church, 3015 Pine Street.

The opening session was on Friday night at 8:00 o'clock. Sessions on Saturday at 9:00 a. m. and at 2:00 p. m. on Sunday.

Hon. L. C. Dyer has been invited to speak at the Sunday session. Jas. Weldon Johnson, National Field Agent, will be present at the Sunday session and will address the gathering. It is hoped that a large audience will hear these eloquent speakers.

The St. Louis delegates are as follows:

Paul W. Mosley, D. E. Gordon, Robt. N. Owens, Gen. B. Nashon, H. E. Frazer, A. Henderson, Dr. T. A. Curtis, E. Hawkins, Rev. S. W. Par, J. E. Mitchell, Dr. W. H. Bryan, Jas. W. Johnson, P. E. Peck, Atty. Gen. L. Vaughan, Atty. Homan, G. Phillips, Mrs. Jessie D. Robinson, C. K. Robinson, Mrs. Helen B. Smith, Mrs. S. C. Lewis, C. A. Pitman and Miss Q. F. Wikelson.

The following alternates have been selected:

St. Elmo Young, Dr. C. H. Turner, A. Piper, Miss Anna K. Russell, Ed. McKinney, Rev. Geo. Stevens, Miss M. Shores, Simington Curtis, Ernest L. Harris, John B. Vashon, Wm. Sholton, L. S. Williams, Amelia E. Commodore, T. W. Brown, J. F. Commodore, Dr. Wm. Perry, J. V. Cass, Mrs. Ida Myers, and Mrs. K. E. Richardson.

Y. M. C. A.

Interest in the Y. M. C. A. collection campaign during the past week is centered in the rapid climb of team 18. Through the efforts of the men at the city stations, under the leadership of Mr. C. H. Bryan, team 18 made record of \$9000 in their collections and is fifth in the standing of the teams, having nosed out team 12 during the last week.

The teams have slowed down a little bit in preparation on the final drive of the spring. Team 17 is firmly fixed in first place, holding on by a very small margin.

While the teams are working for the new building, the other activities of the Association are going ahead, and on Sunday, Dr. Lewis Sheafe, the foreman and conductor, came from Los Angeles, Cal., will be the special guest. The meeting will be held at the Y. M. C. A. Sunday at 4:00 o'clock. All men are cordially invited.

The Boy Scout Troop, under the leadership of Mr. Gen. Dickson, will be seated at the Y. M. C. A. room on Friday night at 7:30 p. m. every successive Friday night at 7:30 o'clock. The troop will necessarily be limited at the outstart, but there will be room for a number of boys who apply first.

MASONS TURN OUT FOR ORPHANS' HOME DAY

Perhaps you have had the care of a loving mother, or a kind father, when you could not help yourself, but it is not the case with these poor little orphans that we have at the home. I am going to request all Masons to meet at our hall, Sunday, May 20th at 1 o'clock p. m., and fall in line and march out to the home. Come and assist in our Orphans' Home Day. This is a real service. J. L. Henderson, District Deputy Grand Master.

Judge Kimmel Grants New Trial

Wash Higgins and Robert Henderson, two negroes, were arraigned and convicted, last April, of the murder of Joe Libal, a white saloon keeper, at 29th and Pine Sts., who was killed in an attempted holdup. Both were given ninety-nine years in the State Penitentiary, but in the Criminal Court, No. 11, over which Judge Karl Kimmel presides, Higgins was defended by ex-Mayor Noonan, and Henderson by Attorney Weiss, who defended the Lewis brothers. Notwithstanding both attorneys were well educated or experienced enough to care for themselves. Their emigration from St. Louis gave the southerners a problem, but, eventually, he said, southern employers will have to meet the high cost of living.

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UNCONSCIOUS SEGREGATION

In our recent editorials we have opposed the establishing of a Jim-Crow Hospital to be fostered by the city government. We stated that we were voicing the sentiments of 90 per cent of the Negro population of this city. Approval of our stand have been varied and some have been swayed by a young man who was swayed by the force of our editorial to express his approval in writing which is as follows:

J. E. Mitchell,
Managing Editor,
St. Louis Argus,
St. Louis, Mo., 5-12-17.

Dear Sir:

Please accept my sincerest approval of your manly and purely racial stand as regards the editorial which appeared in your paper the 11th instant under the caption of "Unconscious Segregation." You are right in your stand for the best interest of the Negro and receives the hearty support and congratulations of the best thinking population of our people. I, as a young man, was very much disappointed at the stand taken by the Fraternal Club. I hope that in your editorial should not go unanswered and have fully and courageously met my friend's wishes.

Wishing you continued success, I am,
Rev. J. Lyle Coston,
4348 West Belle.

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THE N. A. A. C. P. DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The District Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which opened a three-day session in this city at the Berea Presbyterian Church Friday night, should receive the most hearty support from all lovers of liberty and human rights. Not merely because of its name, nor because its headquarters are in New York City, but, because it is the organization that has done more for the Negro in securing his political and civil rights than any other agency since the civil war. This organization is composed of white and colored people who have banded themselves together to fight for the cause of humanity, and especially against all laws of a discriminating nature, that are on the statute books in most of the states and municipalities of this country.

Customs, for instance, which allow one class of citizens to lynch, burn at the stake, Jim-crow, deny equal justice before the law, and many other forms of injustices; custom, we say, in most cases have been put into some form of law. These are the principal evils that the National Association for the Advancement of colored people is fighting. Judge D. P. Dyer in granting an injunction restraining the City of St. Louis from enforcing the segregation ordinances, said that he would have made the order permanent were it not for the fact that the Louisville case was before the United States Supreme Court.

The Louisville case is of vital interest to the Negro, its decision will determine whether the Negro shall have the rights to buy land or own a home in any part of this country, where he is able by the sweat of his brow to pay for. This Louisville case that is before the Supreme Court is in charge of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. It was argued a short while ago, perhaps its last time. Mr. Moorfield Storey, that eminent attorney and president of the association argued the case on behalf of the plaintiffs. He met every contention made by the defense with a knock-out blow. That old argument, that such an ordinance is fair because it applies equally to both races, was left on its "knuckles" without a leg to stand on. Reply to this argument Mr. Storey said:

"In the present case it is contended that the difficulty is met by the provision that white persons shall not occupy buildings in 'colored blocks.' As well argue that an ordinance which prevented a denizen of Five Points from moving into Fifth Avenue could be sustained because it forbade the dweller on Fifth Avenue to move into Five Points. Anatole France has commented upon the absolute justice of the law which protects rich and poor alike from sleeping under the arches of the bridge, which crosses the Seine, and from beggary in the public streets. A law which forbids a Negro to rise is not made just because it forbids a white man to fall."

The above statement is rich, full and comprehensive. In answer to another old argument that such a law tends to avoid friction between races, Mr. Storey said:

"At Palm Beach in Florida Negroes act as chauffeurs; if they appear in Miami, they are mobbed and the result is a breach of the public peace. In some places they are attacked if they engage in certain employment, in which the whites wish to monopolize, and violence is used in the effort to prevent them."

"Would the police power justify in forbidding them to act as chauffeurs in Miami, or to engage in any other occupation anywhere, because they might be attacked if they did so?" If so, they have no rights. If not, this ordinance cannot be sustained, for it is defended on the ground that one body of citizens may take from another body their clear rights in order to prevent lawless attacks upon the latter by the former. The only policeman who ever fancied that such a police power existed was the wolf in his dealings with the lamb."

This argument, seems to us should settle the question of legal segregation for ever. And as we said in the outset, no doubt but that this is the last time that such a case will ever come before the highest tribunal of this land.

WHO CAN TELL?

This world war as it now appears to be, presents an interesting stage and leaves much room for comment and speculation as to the part that each country or nation shall play. Just what spot of ground the final curtain will fall on seems to be beyond prediction with any certainty at present.

However, a close study of human nature, and the remote maneuvers of the big and little nations of the world will furnish some food for thought.

The eyes of the world are upon the United States. Its ears are open to hear the new achievements of the German Sub-Marine. Its pocket-books are open to England and France with silver and gold, and it is generally accepted that the terms of peace will be dictated by one of these four great nations.

This reminds us very much of the National election which took place last fall. The best informed politicians, had their eyes on Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York to elect the president, but was left to wait for California to cast the deciding vote.

Call forth wisest men, look to every spot on the globe, who can tell who will cast the deciding vote in this year's war. We are not a prophet, nor the son of a prophet, but we predict before the final settlement is made, all men of everywhere will be sought for, the politicians, the voters, and that the far off "California" will come in and dictate the terms of peace.

NO SLACKER FOR THIS SERVICE.

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The spirit of volunteer service, and team work ran high. The chairman of the Board of Managers, Prof. F. L. Williams in an interesting talk, told his hearers of the joys of real service. This was an enthusiastic meeting. There were no slackers there. Every man seemed willing to do his "bit" toward paying and collecting the remaining part of the building fund.

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MASTER EDWARD CLARDY'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. Lizzie Hall, of 2915 Market St., and Mr. Sarah Johnson, friends of Mrs. Edward Clardy, gave a birthday party Saturday, at the residence of Mrs. Hall, in honor of Master Edward Clardy. The table in the dining room was beautifully decorated, and upon it were candle-white cake, with many colored candies, sold at the age of Master Clardy.

The repast was served in three courses, much to the delight of the young folks present, among whom were: William and Vaanti Morrow, presenting a beautiful plate, cup and saucer; Howard and Charles, chocolates; William and Nettie two handkerchiefs and a tie; May Francis Henderson, a pair of stockings, and a handkerchief; Geo. Brown, an initialed handkerchief; Talus John, a necktie; Arthur Williams, a cup and saucer; Norman Nance, cup and saucer; Wm. W. R. R. handkerchief box; Mrs. Parker, two cups and a tie; Mrs. Acey, hand-painted handkerchief box. Others present were: Wanda Parker, Maud Johnson, and the mothers of some of the children. All expressed themselves as having a glorious time.

COURT AWARDS CHILDREN TO FATHER

James H. Adams, of 4267a Cottage Ave., was granted a divorce from Mrs. Adams Tudea Tuesday morning in Judge Gatrech's division of the Circuit Court, and was awarded custody of their two white-brown girls. A large number of spectators in the case, who had come out of town, to witness the trial. The charge was infidelity. Tom Johnson, being named as correspondent. Mr. Adams was represented by attorneys Horace A. Taylor and Geo. L. Vaughn.

HEADQUARTERS AT DELANEY

The Central Committee "on Food Conservation has opened a district headquarters at Delaney School, Villa Avenue and Bowen Street, with Mrs. Mildred V. Anthony in charge. The boys of the school, under the direction of Madamess "Casey" and Anna, are being taught to plant and cultivate several plots and will begin planting at once. On Monday, under the supervision of Principal John B. Vashon, and the teachers, the pupils of Delaney School planted the garden on the school premises. Last fall the products of the garden of this school, took first prize at the St. Louis Fair.

STATE MEDICAL CONFERENCE

Dr. W. P. Curtis, president of the Missouri Pan-American Medical Association, called a conference meeting of the officers of the Python Hall on May 24, for the purpose of making plans for the future of the Society. It is hoped that a large number of the medical fraternity from the state will attend. The Central has made giant strides under Dr. Curtis' administration. His growth is surely exceeding all expectations. A warm welcome awaits all comers within our doors.

REV. D. W. MORRIS

Rev. D. W. Morris, pastor of the Converts' Club, of Mt. Olive No. 1, are truly worthy of our highest praise. They handed themselves together and did their best in getting the pastor, Rev. D. W. Morris a suit of clothes for the second Sunday in May. It is no longer an idea, but a real fact, for Dr. Morris to wear the suit on last Sunday, a lovely, shimmering, black silk broadcloth, well fitted to his little well cut figure. And his pride is quite pardonable for 'tis the gift of his young, est born, (members) and a token of esteem and love.

The gallant little crew that served on the committee board, being Sister Alice, Vice President; Sister Anna, Vice President; Vice President, Sister Harvey, Secretary; Grace Harvey, Asst. Secretary and Eva Webb, Treasurer, were successful in their first efforts and raised and paid forty two dollars and fifty cents for a suit for their pastor to be worn at their baptismal day.

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EL BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

El Bethel is moving on to progress, and Pastor Perry is planning to do a great work for Jesus in North St. Louis. The Sunday school is doing nicely, and the Mission Circle is beginning to revive. Sunday was completely successful. The pastor, who had been preaching a series of sermons on "The Second Coming of Christ," will continue by delivering the sermon Sunday morning, "The New Heaven and New Earth."

The Sunday school will be in the hands of Mr. Chas. Gaines and Prof. J. W. Myers, is still making progress and extends a hand for new comers. The Christian Endeavor is a delightful place to be at 7 o'clock Sunday evening. A special committee has been appointed to seek the young people of the church to recruit and to take a part in so handable a work.

The church festivities are proving of much benefit to the church. Dr. Perry, of the Antioch Baptist church, swept through the Metropolitan Sunday evening as a guest.

His sermon was a great success. It can be seen that he has given his all to the work. Dr. John Stewart, pastor of the church, has fully appreciated it. Brother Kennedy, superintendent of the Sunday school, and Sister Alice Jones, of the Primary Department, are striving to make their departments second to none in the Sunday school.

ST. JAMES CHURCH

St. James was packed at both services Sunday. Dr. Peck was called to Fetus Mo., on business. Dr. Sheafe, the eminent Gospel preacher, preached two able sermons. It will be remembered that he gave a sermon on the subject of "Peace," Mrs. Alice Richardson. We are praying for her speedy recovery. Miss Shoulders, the district superintendent, began her tour of visits to the Sunday schools of the district Sunday, at Herculaneum.

The Intermediate Endeavor has a very unique contest on for membership in an "Automobile Race," between the "Packard" and the "Ford." Miss Gladys Bradshaw drives the Packard and Mr. Russell Rees the Ford. The race began Saturday, May 20, promptly at 6 a.m. in the Sunday school room. We present and ride in your favorite machine. Senior Endeavor meets in the lecture room at six o'clock.

Come to church early Sunday morning. The pastor has returned and has a bounteous feast in store for you. Bring a friend with you.

SEVEN CHURCH BAPTIST UNION

Seven Church Baptist Union met Monday with Galilee Baptist Church, St. Sunday, May 20, at 3 p. m. The several pastors and congregations are expected to take part. All are invited. Rev. B. W. Stewart, pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

By Miss Sadie M. Pillow

The service was "Am I My Brother's Keeper?" Collection was \$16.00. Next meeting will be at Bethel Church, 2121 Pine Street, on Sunday, May 27, at 3 p. m. Rev. D. W. Stewart, pastor of Baden Baptist Church, will preach the sermon. Sunday after-

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in May, and help pay them, and have the church in full swing. Rev. H. C. Maxwell, our new pastor, returns on the first Sunday in June. Rev. Cole, whose services have been excellent, and greatly appreciated by the church will preach his farewell sermon Sunday, May 27. Rev. L. C. Schieffelin, our former pastor, will speak. The B. Y. P. U. District Conference delivered an excellent program, Sunday evening. All are welcome to these services.

REV. D. W. MORRIS, Pastor.

METROPOLITAN NOTES

Last Sunday morning, Dr. J. E. W. Bowen, the scholar, preacher, lecturer and dean of the Gammon Theological Seminary, of Atlanta, Ga., preached a deep and searching sermon from the subject, "The Child of God." The president of the Seminary, Dr. W. A. Moseley, delivered the offering.

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GRACE MISSION

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By Bessie Page

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Our new pastor, Rev. Dr. W. C. Buchanan, of Oklahoma, delivered a great sermon. The services will be held on Sunday evenings.

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SOCIETY

AND LOCAL NOTES

Mrs. Georgia Kinney, 3007 Market St., is convalescing.

Mrs. Pillow, of 4237 Finney Ave., is very ill at her home.

Mrs. James Cole, 3955 Finney, is recovering after eight weeks' illness.

Mr. Jno. Mapp, of 2927 Lawton, is yet indisposed with a sprained wrist.

All St. Louis is going on the big boat excursion Monday evening, May 21.

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms for rent in private family. 4155 West Belle.

Mrs. Julia Turner, of 4343 Labadie Ave., is out again after five weeks' illness.

Miss Muriel Pendleton, who has been ill for the past few weeks, is able to be out again.

Mr. S. H. Ingram, of St. Paul, Minn., formerly here last week, is the guest of this city, where he expects to make her home.

Mr. J. E. Anderson, of 3231 Lawton Ave., is now in Palmer, Mass., to spend the summer.

Mrs. Mary Cabell, of Henderson, Ky., has returned to this city, where she expects to make her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Odie Spiller have moved from their home on Hickory St., to their country home near Bridgeton, Mo.

Eureka Lodge No. 16 K. of P., voted to take up \$100 of the Liberty Loan Bonds at its meeting Wednesday night.

Mrs. Anna Barnett, of 2631 Adams St., has moved to 311a Lispersester St., and would like to have her friends call.

Mrs. Eliza Maston, of 4116 Red Bud Ave., is much improved after being dangerously wounded in a fall down a flight of stairs.

Mr. Wm. Michaux, 4011 Cook, entertained the Eight Cook Club Monday evening, May 14. Mr. Joseph W. Warden was toastmaster.

Mrs. Jessie Byrd, 3433 Lawton, was called out of the city to Macon, Ga., on account of the death of her brother, Henry Pye, who died a few days ago.

Madam J. E. Anderson has moved to her new quarters, where she will be pleased to have her friends and customers call. 3301 Lawton Ave.

Mrs. Martha Dodge and Mrs. B. W. Hailstock, 4568 Cottage, entertained Thursday afternoon, in honor of Mrs. Cole, of Los Angeles, Cal., who is the guest of Mrs. Blount, 3012 Dalecar.

Mrs. Blanche L. Oden, of Cottage Ave., was at home to a few friends, Friday, May 11, in honor of Mme. Jeanne Lefebvre, of the French Opera of Chicago, Miss. Brooks is well-known and has the reputation of being the greatest dramatic reader and character impersonator.

The Stewards and Deacons' Council will meet at First Baptist Church, 14th and Clark, Sunday, May 19, at 3 p.m. All members are urged to be present without fail. Business of importance, Carrie Wright, president; L. J. Hassel, secretary.

The regular monthly meeting of the Lincoln Institute Alumni and former students association, will be held Sunday, May 20, 1917, at Union Memorial Church at 3 p.m. All members are respectfully urged to be present. W. T. Spencer, president; Miss A. G. Gray, secretary.

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Dr. J. H. Garnett, ex-president of Western College of Law, was the guest of the Rev. and Mrs. William A. Venerable Saturday and Sunday. Dr. Garnett is now located at Gary, Ind.

Mrs. Geo. House, of 3209 Lawton Ave., returned home a few days ago after a three weeks' visit at Mt. Sterling, Ohio, and New Albany, Ind.

Mrs. Ella Chambliss, of 2801 Lucas Ave., was called to Memphis, Tenn., to be the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Lucy Sampson.

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The Who-So-Ever Club met at the residence of Miss Leon Martin, 2529 Webster Avenue, May 10. After business was over, a dainty menu was served.

Mrs. Martha Dodge and Mrs. B. W. Hailstock, 4568 Cottage, entertained Thursday afternoon, in honor of Mrs. Cole, of Los Angeles, Cal., who is the guest of Mrs. Blount, 3012 Dalecar.

Mrs. Blanche L. Oden, of Cottage Ave., was at home to a few friends, Friday, May 11, in honor of Mme. Jeanne Lefebvre, of the French Opera of Chicago, Miss. Brooks is well-known and has the reputation of being the greatest dramatic reader and character impersonator.

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Sarah Gooden.....3107 Adams
Edw. Woodson.....St. Louis, Mo.
Mrs. Margaret Wyatt.....Keokuk, Ia.
Pearl H. Fulton.....Ironon, Mo.
Dora Armstrong.....2125 Chestnut
Sam Nabors.....1231 Linden
Mrs. Mary Harvey.....1231 Linden
Augustus Brown.....4338 Finney
Manila Thompson.....721a N. Jefferson
Howard Burton.....East St. Louis, Ill.
Hattie Vaughn.....East St. Louis, Ill.
John Porter.....1230 East St. Louis, Ill.
Willard H. Moore.....4325 Luckey
Nelson Gordon.....4325 Luckey
Willis Green.....315 Lapeer
Marguerite Webster.....315 Lapeer
Sam Flanagan.....337 Morgan
Carrie Prince.....3106 Clark
Miles Barnes.....2133 Walnut
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Will Taylor.....East St. Louis, Ill.
Mrs. Idia Harvey.....East St. Louis, Ill.
John Wallace.....105 S. 16th
Dolin Ralston.....33 S. 16th
Albert Moore.....2138 Eugenia
Ida May Poote.....2138 Eugenia
Boysie Gaines Alexander.....2706 Lawton
Mrs. Nannie King.....3404 Lawton
Lewis Spinks.....283 Clark
Eva Hutchens.....3232 Lawton
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Y. W. C. A. NOTES

It was most fitting to have Dr. Bowes make the dedicatory address at the opening of the new building of Wheatley Branch Y. W. C. A. Sunday afternoon as he has been in touch with the work from its beginning. His message was full of hope and inspiration.

Miss. Brown thrilled and electrified her audience Tuesday evening with a wonderful symphony of voice. The perfect ease with which Madame sang the difficult selections from the best grand opera proclaimed her an artist of great ability.

A most unique picture show and motion picture lecture was given in the gymnasium Wednesday evening. Mr. Wm. H. Petty won the prize for bringing the largest potato which weighed almost three pounds.

The regular monthly meeting of the committee of management was held Friday afternoon. Greetings from the Star's report will be of interest to members and friends.

The third semiannual conference of the Mothers' Club was held last Wednesday. Mr. David Jones and Mrs. Ruth Coleman were speakers at the meeting. Mrs. John T. Tamm, president of the Center for food conservation will be at the meeting.

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Dear Father is here, and say, the love of your wife, we miss him so much; he is gone but not forgotten. By his Loving Children.

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In loving memory of our dear mother, Mrs. Etta E. Robinson, who died Sunday, May 13, 1917.

Dear mother, we miss you so much, but we are comforted by the knowledge that you are with God.

With love to all, we miss you so much.

IN REMOVAL NOTICE

Dr. H. D. Howell, of 420a Finney has passed away at 1620 N. Jefferson Ave., where he would be pleased to have his patients call.

(5:14 p.m.)

Everybody is going to the big dance given by the Red School of Girls this Friday evening, May 20. Music by West Orchestra. Admission 15 cents.

DEATHS OF THE WEEK

Mattie Tyler, City Hospital, 59. Howard Collier, 4228 Fairfax, 50. Wm. Rodrick, 2820 Market, 35. Lizzie McGeary, 2623 Sheridan, 50. Ernestine Jordan, 1533 Pershing, 6. James Cox, 1533 Pershing, 70. Mary Green, 423a Garfield, 46. Silas Jones, 3032 Laclede, 63. Irving R. Smith, 2820 East, 33. Oliver Bond, 420 Cote Brilliante, 16. Mrs. M. C. H. Hayes, 424a St. Louis, 8. Howard Collier, 4236 Labadie, 73. Frank West, 4125 So. 22nd, 39. Stewart McKenzie, 822 N. 12th, 42. Adele Givens, 822 N. Ewing, 37. Charles Givens, 822 N. Ewing, 37. Melvin Brinkley, 4346 Grand, 38. Henry Franklin, 2719 Wash, 47. Nathan Wetherell, 3135 Lawton, 33. Babie Bowers, 4047 W. Belle, Gladys Scott, 2628 Scott, 1. Eddie Rodman, 4422 Madison, 60. Charles Givens, 822 N. Ewing, 37. Alberta Jenkins, 2931 Chestnut, 23. Lopis Holmes, 2637 Papin, 75. Isabel Lockridge, 4239 Madison, 38. Wm. Coleman, 2204 Washington, 44.

SUMMONS

In loving memory of our dear husband and father, Harry Williams, who passed away one year ago May 20, 1916.

A precious one from us has gone, A voice we loved is stilled;

A place is vacant in our home Which never will be filled;

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11 Submarines, an airship, a number of aeroplanes and special service ships, 22 mine-sweepers—all in one fleet, all under one admiral, and making up one battle unit. This was nearly three years ago, and we have never come anywhere near to that performance. In January, 1916, the United States Atlantic fleet capable as to both material and personnel of going to sea and maneuvering together, consisting of 16 battleships and 22 destroyers, 2 monitors and 1 gunboat, and 1 mine-training ship, and 4 tugs fitted as mine-sweepers—with no minesweepers, no aircraft of any kind, no scouts (unless the Chester be so considered), and the Chester was cruising alone off the coast of Libya, and the Chester, which was the flagship to the 6th destroyer flotilla. This was the only fleet that had ready to fight in January, 1916; because, although many battleships had been put into commission, this had not been done only by putting out of commission certain smaller vessels such as cruisers, and gunboats; and the battleships would have had to be put into commission very hurriedly, filled up with men from other ships, and no more ready to fight in the fleet against an enemy (whose ships were fully manned with well-trained officers and men, accustomed to the details of their respective ships, and acquainted with each other) than the Chester was ready to fight the Spanish.

3. In case our system is not so good as that of—say Germany—or of any other country having a system of naval officers. And the advice of these naval officers is not so valuable, probably it will not be for the reason that it is really impossible since the advisers themselves know that it will not be taken very seriously. The difference between the advice of men held responsible for the results of following their advice, and the advice of men held responsible is well recognized, and is discussed fully in the reports of the Moody and the Swift Boards of the organization of the Navy Department. Furthermore, our officers do not have the advantage of the Kriegsakademie to help them. It is true that at the Naval War College a war-game apparatus is installed and that war games are played, and war problems are solved; but the officers are very much inclined to follow the traditional methods of war, in education, officers in the principles of warfare, and have little time for other work. It is also true that the war games and problems there do lead occasionally to recommendations by the War College to the General Board and the Secretary of the Navy, and that the connection between the conclusions of the War College and the decisions of Congress via the General Board and the Secretary of the Navy is so fragile and discontinuous, that it would be said that the influence of the war games on the War College has but a faint resemblance to the determining force of the Kriegsakademie in Berlin.

A Suggestion from France

It is often said that Germany is an empire and the United States is a republic. The difference in military methods of Germany cannot be explained here. The inference is not necessarily correct; however, as is shown by the excellency of the army, and the navy of France, although a republic. In fact, the military strategy of France, although it is not so well known, is not only the best in the world, but the best in the world.

The American Congress can do the same with the American Navy. Whether Congress shall do so decide or not, the decision will undoubtedly be wise; and the American navy will do our utmost to make the navy all it should be. In this connection, it should be noted that:

1. Germany has been following a certain strategic system, regarding the navy, which is quite different from that of any other navy which has been used now for more than one hundred and forty years. Both systems have been in operation for a time sufficient to warrant our comparing them by comparing the results they have achieved.

2. The German navy has been in existence a much shorter time than the American navy, belongs to a much less populous and wealthy country, and not only 30 per cent larger in trained personnel, but also a judge by the maneuvers carried on in both peace and war, is much better in organization, morale, and capacity for naval war, upon the ocean.

We do not know exactly what Germany has done since the war began on August 1, 1914; but all we know is that

counts show that Germany, like all the other belligerent Powers, has been adding to its material and personnel to her navy, and that more ships than they have been destroyed; and as well as perfecting her strategy, under the influence of the war's stimulus.

Leaving out of consideration, however, the war games, have been doing since the war began, in negligible any unauthorized account of the United States before it started, we know positively that in 1913 the maneuvers of the German fleet were executed by a force of 21 battleships, 3 battle cruisers, 5 monitors, 8 destroyers, 8 naval monitors (that is 46 ships in all), 1000 sailors, 11 submarines, an airship, a number of aeroplanes and special service ships, 22 mine-sweepers—all in one fleet, all under one admiral, and making up one battle unit. This was nearly three years ago, and we have never come anywhere near to that performance.

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3. In case our system is not so good as that of—say Germany—or of any other country having a system of naval officers. And the advice of these naval officers is not so valuable, probably it will not be for the reason that navy, under equal strategic conditions, unless we have an excess over her in numbers of personnel and material sufficient to counteract on inferiority in efficiency.

The efficiency of a navy or an army is exactly what the strategic system makes it. Eleven thousand Greeks under Thermistocles, highly efficient and thoroughly trained, defeated 100,000 Persians under Xerxes, who were almost destroyed by a much larger Persian fleet at Salamis. With an army of less than 35,000 men, but highly trained by Philip of Macedon, his father, Alexander, in only twelve years conquered the most populous and most populous countries of the world. Caesar, Attila, Charlemagne, and all the great military men from the greatest antiquity down to the present moment highly trained and organized bodies of soldiers and sailors, and their systems suited to the times, and their more successful war on peoples less militarily efficient. Cortez conquered Mexico, and Pizarro conquered Peru; the British, French, and Spanish subdued the Americas, and the United States during the latter half of the nineteenth century nearly all the land in the world that was "uncolonized" by European powers. Great Britain, in the possession of about one quarter of the land and three quarters of the population of the globe. Russia, France, Germany, and the United States govern most of the remainder.

These results were brought about mainly by the exercise of military force; and of course military courage was not the only determining element, because it was just as evident that the French, although a republic, had a better military strategy than the German, and that the German army, although it is not so well known, is not only the best in the world, but the best in the world.

The determining element is the strategic system that (under the best of policy) prepares the navy and naval forces for war, and not the material force in material and personnel before they were used, and directed operations, while in use.

All the single factors that have usually been correctly made the high point of the war, the most important factor has been strategy.

CIVILIAN IS RESPONSIBLE.

It is often said that the civilian is as much the soldier as the soldier is responsible for defeat and disaster. The civilian is not alone on the field; they may be lost beneath the dome of the Capitol, they may be lost in the private office of the Secretary of War, or wherever else they may be lost. It is the person who die with knowledge and the conviction that our military policy is a crime against life, a crime against property, and a crime against the world.

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